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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner Ba K. Trinh	Art Unit 1625	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11/28/2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 12-14, 17-24, 27-31 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 12-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 12-14, 17-24, 27-31 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/065,041.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 12-14,17-24, 27-31 are pending.

The restriction requirement with regard to the species restriction as set forth in the previous office action is maintained for reasons of record.

Claims 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claims 12, the term "comprises" is an open term and it does not limit the scope of the compound claim. In other word, the compound as claimed can embrace unlimited or indefinite compounds known or unknown in the art. In claim 13, the dependence on claim 14 is improper since it is not in ascending numeric order and claim 14 is not an independent claim. This would create printing problem upon patent issuing. The term "A compound" in claims 13 and 14 should be changed to "The compound". In claim 13, the term "optionally" should read as "optically".

Claims 12-14 are objected to because the formula I is drawn to a non-elected invention. The claims would be allowed if the formula I is excluded and the claims are redrafted properly.

Claims 17-24, 27-31 are objected to because the formulae IIb (currently IIa misspelled), IIIa and III'a are drawn to non-elected inventions. The claims would be allowed if the said formulae are excluded and the claims are redrafted properly. In claims 18-24, the term "A process" should read as "The process". In claims 27-31, the term "The method" should read as "The process".

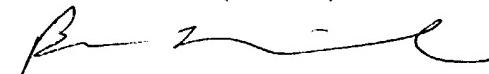
Applicants' remarks filed on November 28, 2003 have been considered but not found persuasive. The claims contain distinct species which do not have a common core structure as required for a Markush-type generic compound. Thus, the distinct species can not be rejoined, and the restriction of the distinct species is maintained. The amendment as filed has overcome the 112 second paragraph rejection of the previous office action.

No claim is allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ba K. Trinh whose telephone number is (571) 272-0695. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph McKane, can be reached on (571) 272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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